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The River



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It was a dark, stormy night, when the river thawed for the first time in decades. Before then, it was always frozen, even in the warmest of days. The animals were cautious of the river; it had never thawed before so it was a bit daunting.

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It began in the center, a blue glow coming from beneath the ice's thick surface. In the night, you could see it clearly.

Six and a half feet long. Two feet wide. This is the biggest it has gotten, and now the glow is becoming warmer. Slowing it is melting the ice.

Today, a humming sound can be heard. There is a small circle appearing through the thawed ice. Shaped like a shield.

Something is rising forth. Blue. Glowing. Humming.

-CRACK- The ice explodes and water gushes upward, blinding my sight. I am crouched behind a boulder, covering my face from the downpour. When the streams of water falls, and all becomes quiet, I peek over the rock.

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The river has been drained. A blue iron-clad beast of a man lay on the ground. But now, instead of a glowing shield, there is a blue iron-clad beast of a man.

Huge body. Large forearms. Muscled to the extreme.

"Oh... My... Gosh..." The words come out in gasps. The air is cold, and the earth frigid. Yet, I am trembling from awe more than temperature.

The man chokes. Gasps. Groans. And rises.

I take one more glance at him, and then run to tell the city. Leaving this unknown being unwatched - as a friend or foe, I know not...

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"MOM quick, DAD!" I stormed into the living room, leaving the door wide open, letting a gush off freezing air in. Mom rushed up to me and grabbed my arm "What, what is it?" Dad quickly shut the front door and stood by it.

"Over in the river, or where it was, there was, is -"

I was interrupted my thunderous vibrations. Earth splitting quakes, literally.

The whole ground shook in tumultuous waves. Mom was screaming and holding on to dad for her life.

I ran to the window out stared at the mass array of destruction. From somewhere, huge rocks were being thrown upon the city. Every visible tree was crackling with fire. And to my great astonishment, the blue, humming, glowing mammoth was catching any human within reach, and coming closer and closer to me...

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"I have to get out of here, it's after me!" I stumbled to my room and threw some stuff into my backpack. I felt sorry for my parents, but the gigantic blue thing was after me, not them. All I knew is that I needed to leave.

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apart. The roof collapsed in. And it went up in flames...

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